

TO OFFER WAR PAYMENT PLAN

EUROPEAN POWERS INVITED TO
MAKE ATTEMPT TO SETTLE
REPARATION PROBLEM

Bankers Are Ready to Advance Loan
To Berlin; Government Atti-
tude on Collections
More Lenient

Washington.—The United States, as the outstanding move in its plan to avert a collapse in the old world, is about to invite the European powers to make a final attempt to settle the German reparations problem, it was learned from the most authoritative sources here.

The "plan" of the United States for intervention in the European situation, which has filled two continents with excitement and anticipation, partly because of the deep mystery surrounding it, can now be revealed. It follows:

Believing that reparations is the key to the present European crisis, the United States will participate in a commission or some other form of official inquiry to establish an exact figure for Germany to pay. It would be a figure that would constitute just reparations for the war—an amount that would be up to Germany's capacity to pay, but not beyond.

If a settlement of the reparations problem can be effected by an agreement among the European powers on such a figure, the United States can give assurances that American bankers stand ready to advance a loan, with the proper securities, sufficient to put Germany on her feet and start her towards amortization of the indemnity.

Finally, the United States government is willing to adopt a more lenient policy on the question of collection of the allied war debt to this country. That is, it is ready to consider the obligations of each of the debtor countries on their own merits, granting more leniency in the terms of collection to those countries less able to pay.

State Troops take Hand in Feud
Monroe, La.—The celebrated Mer Rouge kidnapping case, which, for four months has ineffectually taxed all of the legal machinery of the state of Louisiana in its efforts to solve, and moved forward another chapter when national guard troops were ordered to move to Bastrop, La., near Mer Rouge, originated according to well-informed observers as a reported by H. W. Blake, postoffice inspector on his return from investigating the affairs of the Frisco office. Sullivan was not arrested, because of his physical condition. He is reported to be suffering from acute tuberculosis and it is not expected that he will survive many days. He was in charge of the postoffice during the absence of his sister, who is the Frisco postmistress. She has been in California for several months, and Sullivan has been in charge of the office in her place as assistant postmaster. The case was investigated by Blake and by E. J. Handley, special agent of the American Railway Express company, which was also concerned in the shortage. Sullivan acted also as agent for the express company and a portion of the missing funds is said to have belonged to it.

Ku Brothers in Regalia Barred
Harrison.—Instructions to arrest anyone appearing in the city wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan and orders, to have the sanity of all such persons determined by physicians, were posted by Chief of Police. The orders, adopted by the common council, also include the unmasking of hooded individuals and ten days' imprisonment.

Picture Actor Recovering
Los Angeles.—Appearing brighter in every way and with his temperature and respiration said to be normal, Wallace Reid, star of the silver sheet, who is fighting a winning battle for health after breaking himself of the habit of using narcotics, was declared by his physicians to be much better.

Youths Held For Train Wrecking
St. Joseph.—Police holding two 19-year-old boys, who they claim have confessed to wrecking Burlington passenger train No. 16 from St. Joseph to St. Louis last Tuesday night which endangered the lives of more than a hundred passengers.

Thirteen Arrested in Bank Robbery
Chicago.—Twelve men and a woman were arrested here charged with robbing P. J. Caldwell, a messenger for the Logan Square Trust and Savings Bank, of \$19,000 Tuesday. Several thousand dollars in cash were recovered. At the same time police spread a wide dragnet for bandits who robbed the offices of James E. Harrison, downtown diamond broker of \$100,000 worth of unset diamonds and \$2,000 cash.

AUGUSTUS T. SEYMOUR



Augustus T. Seymour of Columbus, O., who has been appointed assistant to Attorney General Daugherty to succeed Col. Guy D. Goff, resigned.

U. S. EMPLOYEES FACE CHARGES

WHOLESALE THEFT OF GOVERN-
MENT SUPPLIES HAS EX-
TENDED THREE YEARS

Requisitions Doctored and Excess Ma-
terials Thus Obtained Were Sold
Contractors by Workers; Ar-
rest of Others Expected

New York.—Twenty-two civilian employees of the Brooklyn naval base were arrested by department of justice agents in connection with grand jury indictments charging more than \$1,000,000 worth of goods have been stolen from the base since the war. Twenty-three men were named in the indictments. The arrests were made under supervision of William J. Burns, chief of the department at Washington.

Goods stolen from the naval base included clothing, oil and other materials, according to the federal agents. The twenty-two men are to be arraigned before Federal Judge Garvin.

Arrest of the twenty-third man indicted was declared to be expected soon, federal authorities also announcing that additional indictments and arrests are planned.

The arrests were said by police, who worked with the federalists, to be only the beginning of the exposure of a huge conspiracy to defraud the government extending over the last three years.

Ninety more arrests are expected, it was disclosed. Clerk's, chauffeurs, laborers and others were among those arrested. As they came to work they were lined up by guards and herded into trucks and taken to the federal building.

Police assigned to prevent just such thefts are implicated, it was said. The federal agents said the thefts were worked through "doctored" requisitions. For instance, when an invoice was presented for shipment of 100 pieces of any article, the number was raised to 1400. The extra thousands were sold to outside contractors and concerns by the "fraud ring," it is alleged.

Post Office Found Short \$2,000
Salt Lake City.—A shortage of approximately \$2,000 in the accounts of George A. Sullivan, assistant postmaster of Frisco, Beaver county, was result of a feud between rival factions of Morehouse parish. Although the Ku Klux Klan organizations of Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi have been more or less charged with being involved in the mysterious disappearance of Major Watt Daniels and Thomas Fletcher Richards, citizens of Mer Rouge, following the kidnapping of these and three other Mer Rouge citizens believe that the mysterious case goes much deeper than alleged Ku Klux animosity. It is believed to be more or less racial and rivals, in many respects, the celebrated feuds of the Cumberland mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Prince Operated Upon
London.—Prince George youngest son of King George and Queen Mary, was successfully operated upon Tuesday for appendicitis.

Bandit Confesses To Shooting
Salt Lake City.—The bandits whose gunfire probably fatally wounded Roy-lance Fitzgerald Saturday night have been captured. Both of them have confessed. Sheriff C. Frank Emery announced. The men under arrest are Rex Aylett and W. A. Farr, both of Midvale. Aylett has confessed he was in the bandit car which pursued that in which Miss Fitzgerald was riding. He has declared that he fired only one shot. The others, he said, were fired by his accomplice.

TO REQUEST CARDS BE PUT ON TABLE

FINAL SHOWDOWN ON CONCES-
SIONS FRANCE MAY BE WILL-
TO MAKE, HELD FOR ACTION

State Department Denies Proposa
Has Been Forwarded Covering
Move This Country Is
Willing to Make

Washington.—France soon may be asked by the United States to place all her cards on the table.

With the success or failure of the American move looking toward a solution of the old world's economic crisis virtually hanging on the attitude of France, this government is understood to be preparing to ask Premier Poincare for a definite statement as to the utmost concessions he is willing to make on reparations and kindred questions in order to relieve the situation.

This government realizes the Poincare government faces a difficult political situation because of the strong demand in France for the use of force in the hope of compelling Germany to pay the huge reparation figure which has been imposed upon her, and the inquiry to the French government will be propounded in the most friendly manner.

This government has received the German proposal calling for a commission of experts, preferably Americans, to revise the reparations down to the highest possible figure that Germany can pay. This proposal was revealed exclusively by the press and caused unusual interest in official circles. It is believed that any plan the United States agrees upon will be acceptable in the main to Great Britain, thus making it necessary to harmonize as much as possible the wide differences between France and Germany, if a solution of the problem is to be reached.

The plan of this government is to get the views of all the powers and then outline a common ground upon which negotiations could be opened with the United States acting as a sort of mediator.

State department officials denied that the informal discussions between this government and the allies had reached the stage where a definite American proposal had been framed, and said here was no truth in reports from London that the United States at the request by German Chancellor Cuno had proposed an American commission of business men to revise the reparations figure.

Bonus Law Under Test
Springfield.—A friendly suit to test the constitutionality and legality of the Illinois soldiers bonus laws was filed in the Sangamon county court. Half a dozen objections to the bonus law are raised. It is complained that the law was not legally passed and that it is unconstitutional. The proceedings took the form of a petition for injunction against the service recognition board and state treasurer.

Chicago Land Mark Destroyed By Fire
Chicago.—Smoldering ruins marked the site of the Dearborn street railroad station, a landmark since 1884, and once known as the best railroad station in the world. It was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon, believed to have started in offices on the third floor. Officials who investigated the blaze were said not to put much faith of reports that it was of incendiary origin. Hardly had the floors and walls cooled before workmen started removing debris and making the ruins at least temporary usable as a station.

Money Truck Yields Good Sum
St. Louis.—Six bandits armed with sawed-off shotguns held up a money truck of the Stix Baer and Fuller company here, compelling two employees and a policeman to turn over to them approximately \$5,000 in cash. The policeman and employees were taken by surprise and offered no resistance. The money had been collected at various delivery stations. The bandits escaped in an automobile.

Farm Council Will Be Permanent
Washington.—Permanent organization of the national council of farmers cooperative marketing association was authorized in the closing session of a three-day conference of representatives of farmers' associations in all sections of the country. The purpose of the council will be to handle common problems of cooperative marketing, bodies without conflicting with activities of other associations, and acting as their mouthpiece.

Growers May Insure Against Frosts
Los Angeles.—Orange growers have appealed to Lloyds for insurance for their crops against frost, according to officials of the "Fruitgrowers' exchange. Whether the company will assume such a risk has not been announced but exchange officials said they believed the underwriting would be done. So far this season, there has been no frost of sufficient intensity to alarm southern California orange growers.

PRINCE SASCHA



Prince Sascha of the ancient house of Thurn and Taxis of Czechoslovakia, son of Prince Alexander, rich sugar merchant of that country, who is now in the United States to make a study of the motion picture industry. The prince, who is also a captain in the Czechoslovakian army, aims to introduce the movies to the people of his country.

MISSING VICTIMS SUPPOSED FOUND

LIMBS OF DEAD MEN TIED WITH
WIRE; GRUESOME DISCOVERY
MADE ON FERRY

Soldiers Stationed Several Miles
Away; Identification Likely to
Be Difficult, Correspond-
ent Asserts

Shreveport, La.—The bodies of two men in high state of decomposition, believed to be Watt Daniels and Thomas F. Richards, missing victims of the Morehouse mob of last August, were found near the Eastland ferry on Lake La Fourche, which separates Morehouse and Richland parishes, according to the reports. The limbs of the dead men were tied with wire. They came to the surface as the result of a big charge of dynamite exploded by unidentified persons.

The bodies were nude except for belts and a portion of the trousers. One man's head was gone. It is thought that those who used the explosive left without knowing the bodies had come to the surface.

A ferryboat had broken from its moorings and drifted a considerable distance downstream. The bank near where the boat was accustomed to landing was badly torn up. Many dead fish were on the surface of the water.

The nearest point where soldiers were reported stationed is said to be several miles from the place of the dynamiting.

Owing to the condition of the bodies, it is believed it will be difficult to remove them and that identification will be difficult, unless there are marks on the belts.

Several shots were fired at them and the men disappeared.

Cooperlake is surrounded by dense swamps in an inaccessible part of Morehouse parish, and it has been named as the spot where the bodies of the two missing men, Major Watt Daniels and Thomas Fletcher Richards, might possibly have been thrown by their kidnapers, according to reports made by private detectives.

Ford Announces Big Plant at Chicago
Detroit.—Henry's Ford's decision to construct a \$4,000,000 plant near Chicago for the building of automobiles bodies and assembling of automobiles is only a step in a gigantic program on the part of the Ford Motor company "that will rank as one of the greatest industrial developments the world has ever seen," it was stated at the Ford company offices here by persons in authority.

To Take Care of Exiled Orphans
Shanghai.—While sixteen shiploads of antisoviet refugees from Vladivostok remain here, their fate uncertain, word from American Red Cross headquarters is awaited on the proposal that orphans among the exiles be taken under the wing of the Red Cross to be cared for temporarily in Shanghai and later sent to America to be reared. A similar scheme to send the orphans to Australia was rejected by the Australian trade commissioner. Persons here then urged the American Red Cross to assume the guardianship.

Forgers of Money Orders Taken
Asbury Park.—A long search by federal and private detectives for counterfeiters who have been flooding the country with forged money orders has been ended with the arrest here of M. Ranney, and the arrests in New Orleans of Watson and R. Melan. It was disclosed, Ranney who was said to be a New Yorker, was arrested several days ago. His capture was kept secret, however, until the other alleged plotters were taken into custody.

GANG SIEZES CHRISTMAS PAY

SATCHEL CONTAINING CURREN-
CY OBTAINED IN RAID IN
HILLS NEAR PITTSBURG

Man on Motorcycle Is Hit Without
Warning; Trio in Car Covered
By Band and Money
Confiscated

Pittsburg.—Four bandit shot and wounded Ross Dennis, paymaster of the Pittsburg Coal company, and escaped with a satchel containing about \$20,000 in currency. The holdup occurred in the hills behind Mount Lebanon, near here, while a party of company officials were taking the Christmas pay to miners at Heading, Pa.

County detectives, armed with riot guns, were rushed to Mount Lebanon from the sheriff's office here.

Dennis was riding a motorcycle in advance of an automobile in which Superintendent William Young of the Heading mine and three other employees were guarding the pay satchel. The bandits shot Dennis without warning. He fell from the motorcycle. Before the driver of the pay car could stop his machine the bandits were upon it. They covered the superintendent and the guards, obtained the satchel and escaped.

Collection Box Stolen By Pupil
Bowling Green.—The juvenile court has released Sammy Jennings, 6, when he returned 74 cents and confessed he had stolen it from the first grade collection box. The pupils in Sammy's class had put their pennies in a box to be given to the Red Cross to buy Christmas presents for the poor. "I wanted to buy a present for teacher," Sammy told the court.

Kaiser Sells Wedding Photo
Dorn.—The former German emperor has sold to a London and New York company the world rights in what he describes as the first official photograph of his recent wedding. The price paid was \$10,000. The picture shows the former kaiser in the uniform of a field marshal. Princess Hermoine is wearing the famous diadem, the wedding gifts of her husband. It is understood that Wilhelm was considerably annoyed when he learned of the profits that had been made from the sale of his portrait by unofficial and unauthorized photographers and this consideration together with a desire to augment his income, induced him to make the sale.

Mint Robbery Bill Found at Baltimore
Baltimore.—A \$5 bill handed in to pay a meal check at a downtown lunch room was identified as having been part of the haul made by the bandits, who shot and killed the federal reserve band guard at Denver, and stole \$200,000 in currency. The money turned over by the lunchroom to the federal authorities has been definitely identified as part of the \$200,000 taken from the Denver mint. The police of the whole country have been notified of the theft and told to be on the alert for the appearance in circulation of the money. As far as is known this is the first discovery that has been made so promptly after the passing of the money.

Must Not Sell Booze in Capitol
Washington.—A campaign against bootleggers in the United States capitol building—the home of the prohibition amendment—has been ordered by senate leaders. The capitol police, in view of the recent activities of bootleggers, have been warned to use all their powers to break up any attempt to purvey booze within the capitol—or the senate or house office buildings. The order was issued by Senator Curtis, Republican leader, because of printed reports that senators had been solicited by bootleggers in the senate lobby.

Block Quarantined; Smallpox Scare
Philadelphia.—Philadelphians prominent in business, professional and society life were kept prisoners for six and a half hours Saturday when a smallpox quarantine was thrown around the block bounded by Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Spruce and Pine streets, which included several fashionable apartment houses. More than 85,000 residents were examined by fifty physicians and between 900 and 1,000 vaccinated. Fifty-five policemen roped off the area and maintained the quarantine, which resulted from the discovery of a negro suffering from the disease in a house on a small thoroughfare in the district.

Stockyard's Fever Fatal to Cattle
Washington.—Reports have reached the department of agriculture of outbreaks of shipping fever or steel yards fever among cattle and sheep in the Middle West. The disease, known as hemorrhagic septicaemia, is a blood poisoning which proves fatal quickly, according to the bureau of animal industry, disinfection of steel yards, which may be effective temporarily, cannot be relied upon to protect animals shipped to farms for feeding.

She Gets Along.
A young married woman full of optimism, met an older woman, also married.
"How is your husband?" asked the wife.
"Pretty well, I think. He works so hard I see him about one hour a day."
"Oh, you poor thing. How I sympathize!"
"Oh, no, dear. It's all right—the poor soon goes."—American Legion Weekly.

News Notes From All Parts of UTAH

Logan.—Le Grand Walker of Pleasant Grove, has been awarded the Union Pacific scholarship for Utah county. This scholarship is offered by the Union Pacific railroad company to the boy in each county through which its road passes who excels in agriculture and civic improvement. It provides \$75 with which to defray expenses while attending school at the Utah Agricultural college.

Salt Lake City.—The Dixie Power company was ordered by the public utilities commission to allow the city of St. George a credit of \$9007 on power furnished the city as a special consideration under the agreement entered into at the time the municipal plant was turned over to the company.

Ogden.—Stephen L. Taintor, 35, an ex-convict, in an alleged confession tells of stealing a automobile at Great Falls, Mont. with which he has been transporting liquor from Idaho, and also robbing residences of well-known local citizens of supplies of wines and whiskey.

Nephi.—A carload of modern opera chairs has arrived from the east and several men are now employed assembling and installing same in the new high school auditorium. The carload contained 475 chairs.

Salt Lake City.—Prohibition Enforcement Agents Jerry Z. Hoyt and George Baker, suspended last week pending an investigation of the recent raid at the home of Dr. M. M. Ortelow, were reinstated on the receipt of telegraphic advices from the commissioner of internal revenue and General Prohibition Director Haynes.

Ogden.—G. G. Robertson, an employee of the Utah-Idaho Central railroad was held up, bound and robbed by two masked and armed bandits. The robbery took place in the railroad subpower station within 100 yards of the Utah Hot Springs hotel, in Boxelder county. The robbers, according to Robertson's story, took \$10.40 a gold watch and an alarm clock from him.

Richfield.—The Linquist and Warner furniture store was destroyed by fire here. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, with insurance amounting to \$8,000. The fire was caused by a defective heating plant. Fire broke out in the same store a week ago, but did no material damage.

Salt Lake City.—Wasatch county commissioners and the county clerk, meeting with the state road commission, discussed several matters in connection with "cleaning the slate" as between the two commissions. Among other things, the county commissioners indicated that they will sign a contract as between county and state, in which the county will undertake the maintenance of the Heber-fruitland forest road.

Ogden.—Beet growers in Utah and Idaho were mailed checks aggregating \$310,000 by the Amalgamated Sugar company, according to the announcement made by President Henry H. Rolapp. The money represents an advance payment for the farmers for beets furnished under the profit-sharing contract.

Salt Lake City.—The petition of Charles McKellar, convicted in the first district court, Boxelder county, of voluntary manslaughter, for clemency, was denied by the state board of pardons at its regular meeting.

Ogden.—Mayor Frank Francis, in an address at the First Methodist church made an appeal to citizens to co-operate with the city administration in its efforts to enforce the prohibition law.

Salt Lake City.—Sweeping charges which would virtually abolish the finance end of the state department of finance and purchase are advocated by State Auditor Mark Tuttle in his annual report made to Gov. Charles H. Mabey. The auditor holds the entire law as being in conflict with the constitution and providing duplication of work and effort in the finance end.

Logan.—One dollar bill raised to ten dollars by pasting the numerals 19 in the corners, has made its appearance here and merchants have been warned to look out for it. It could not be passed unless in a rush of business. One was passed in Preston for ten dollars and Sheriff Beckstead at once informed the officers here.